

# LANL Town Hall

## Office of Science Early Career Research Grant Solicitation

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Info, including these slides at

<http://science.lanl.gov/>

When in doubt, read the call:

[http://sc.doe.gov/SC-2/early\\_career.htm](http://sc.doe.gov/SC-2/early_career.htm)

[http://www.sc.doe.gov/grants/pdf/LAB\\_10-395.pdf](http://www.sc.doe.gov/grants/pdf/LAB_10-395.pdf)

Past:	What (we think) we learned last year
Present:	Deadlines and process between now and 4:00 am 8/13
Future:	Making this a sustainable and ongoing process
	<b>Your questions/concerns</b>

This is really competitive: We won 5 of 69, of which 22 were Lab, of ~1750 last year  
“Hot topics” seemed to be picked preferentially, as well as known priorities  
-ask your local SC PM for advice

\$10M available for Labs in FY11 (→ ~20 slots possible)

SC info, including a great FAQ site , at

[http://www.science.doe.gov/SC-2/early\\_career.htm](http://www.science.doe.gov/SC-2/early_career.htm)

-PLEASE ask locally first

Key Requirements

-Ph.D. 2000 or later

-single investigator scope (~0.75 FTE): “> 0.65, ≤ 1.00 FTE”

-minimum lab budget \$500k/yr (and maximum budget \$500k/yr)

??? Competition is by SC AD (i.e., BES doesn’t compete with BER for slots; this is already done; and anecdotal info suggests ~ 2-3/ AD)

-each SC AD has specific guidance on what they want (and do not want) to fund

**Mandatory Preproposals due 4:00 am 8/13 (you submit)**

<https://EarlyCareerPreapp.science.doe.gov>

If encouraged, Proposals are due 11/9 through SC’s official submission system, including DIR endorsement (“I” submit)

## Miscellaneous thoughts/suggestions/advice

[http://www.sc.doe.gov/grants/pdf/LAB\\_10-395.pdf](http://www.sc.doe.gov/grants/pdf/LAB_10-395.pdf)

The preproposal attachment should include, at the top of the first page, the following information:

Title of Preproposal  
Principal Investigator Name, Job Title  
National Laboratory  
PI Phone Number, PI Email Address  
Year Doctorate Awarded: XXXX  
Program Announcement Number: LAB 10-395

This information should be followed by a clear and concise description of the objectives and technical approach of the proposed research. The preproposal may not exceed two pages, with a minimum text font size of 11 point and margins no smaller than one inch on all sides. No biographical data need be included.

There is a “three strikes” rule:

An individual PI can submit to this call only three times in their period of eligibility (first 10 years since Ph.D.)

Submitting a preproposal does NOT count as a strike; submitting a full proposal does

There will be tons of preproposals:

Follow the call guidance closely, including format, topical area, relevant

Although you don't have to work with us at the preproposal stage, PLEASE let us help you:

We can help you get answers to your questions without creating 'confusion' with SC

We can help you identify the right sub-program element for your submission

We can help you identify relevant grand challenges/reports to highlight in your submission

We can help you navigate the submission system and ensure your documents are received by SC

*If encouraged, you have to work with us for formal submission and for DIR letter of support*

***Please sign in on the attendance sheet and please send us a draft of your preproposal no later than COB 8/10 for feedback, and no later than 4:00 am 8/13 for tracking***

## Making this a sustainable and ongoing program in the future

Far more LANL PIs are qualified and credibly capable of winning than this year's program will allow.

We are committed to working with all of you over the next several years as key elements of our Office of Science pipeline, both for this call and for broader SC opportunities.

Questions?

Thanks for your interest in LANL Office of Science Programs